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Classroom grants to enhance student learning • Exceptional teachers to staff our classrooms



LIFT Program Grant Recipient

The Salina Education Foundation has named the eighth recipient of the LIFT Program.

Joel Pruett, a 2007 graduate of Salina Central High School who wants to become a teacher, will receive assistance from the

LIFT PROGRAM

SEF to help him reach that goal.

Joel was selected from a pool of 11 highly-qualified applicants. He's a sophomore majoring in English and Journalism Education at Kansas State University. During high school, Joel was active in yearbook, business club, Junior Leadership Salina, and Boys State. He also served as a tutor at Meadowlark Ridge Elementary School. At K-State, Joel achieved a 4.0 GPA while holding two outside jobs and tutoring students at Manhattan High School West.

Joel credits his English 102 class with sparking his desire to become a teacher. He's been in classrooms that employ traditional teaching methods and in those

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Lisa Hall, Marcy Frain, and Melinda Eitel, Stewart Elementary, Weather Station Grant.

2009-2010 SEF Grants

Poetry Videos, Weather Stations, School Dig Project, Roller Coaster Physics, Five Star Leaders Project...What do all of these great projects have in common? They will happen next year because of grants from the Salina Education Foundation. Take a look at the recipients for the coming school year:

- Nancy Lysell, Central High: high school art students will use a digital camera to create self-portraits using four special effects.
- Katrina Paradis and Anissa Bigler, Central High: high school students will use Flip cameras to create animated poetry videos and biographies.
- Kimberle Curtis and Ashley Gilpin, gifted facilitators at Coronado, Cottonwood, Meadowlark, Oakdale, Schilling and Sunset: students will use GPS to engage in 20 multi-disciplinary lessons that get them out of their seats building, exploring, and learning cooperatively.
- Carolyn Salinas and Heartland Programs: teachers will share a manipulative lending library that builds pre-kindergarten skills during the school year and summer session. Funding provided by SRHF donation.
- Susan Coykendall, Lakewood: middle school students will zoom through space, research geologic time, and participate in a paleontology dig. The project will culminate

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Outside-the-Box Grant

“Thinking Outside-the-Box” — to think differently, unconventionally, from a new perspective. This phrase often refers to novel, creative and smart thinking.

- Wikipedia

The Salina Education Foundation believes that active, engaged learners will retain more meaningful information. Creative approaches and hands-on involvement in projects are what the Outside-the-Box Grant is all about. For the second year, Jeff Platt’s South Middle School 8th graders will have an opportunity to immerse themselves in an historic Supreme Court case.

They’ll take part in the Eisenhower Center’s Five-Star Leader Program, which will recreate the events of the 1957 public school integration crisis precipitated by the U.S. Supreme Court case, Brown vs. Topeka Board of Education. Each student will receive a workbook for classroom study. They’ll travel to the Eisenhower Museum in Abilene to participate in teams, analyze documents, and prepare for a comprehensive briefing and a news conference. Finally, they’ll play the roles of historical figures and recreate the three pivotal weeks of September 1957.

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- in a trip to the Sternberg Museum.
- Carolyn Goodwin, Meadowlark: K-5th grade students with emotional and behavioral disturbances will use differentiated instructional materials to help each student master Kansas reading and math standards.
- Jane King, Oakdale: K-2nd grade students will use a phonological awareness center that teaches young students the skills essential to learn to read.
- Nancy Bauer, Schilling: Elementary students will provide accompaniment to songs, play rhythmic patterns, read melody, and improvise their own melodies using ORFF instruments.
- Mary Harmon, Schilling: The Schilling library will receive a set of 24 bilingual books that are ideal for beginning language learners.
- Lyric Cairns, South High: South High students will participate in two physics projects. Students will conduct a science camp for 4th and 5th graders in the “Physicist for a Day” project. “Roller Coaster Physics” will allow students to build amusement park models and test relevant concepts in physics.
- Chuck VanGundy, South High: Working in the on-site greenhouse, students from many different departments will learn how to run a business, care for plant materials, and understand botany with support materials provided by an SEF grant.
- Barbara Livengood, South Middle: Robotics club will receive six additional Lego NXT kits, which allow students to build and program robots to accomplish various tasks. The students will test their skills at a competition at Ft. Hays State University. Funded by Philips Lighting donation.
- Lisa Hall, Melinda Eitel, and Marcy Frain, Stewart: Third graders will use wireless weather stations to monitor weather conditions three times a day, organize the information into spreadsheets, and create graphs for different weather statistics. The project will culminate in a presentation to parents.
- Kim Stoeber, School Social Worker: Continue support for the School Social Worker Fund,



Lyric Cairns, South High School, Physics Grants



Katrina Paradis and Anissa Bigler, Central High School, Animated Poetry Grant

which helps meet basic needs to keep students from missing school. Funded by SRHF donation.

- School Nurses, Vision Emergency: Provide a fund for students who require emergency vision care. Funded by SRHF donation.

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using a newer approach, which he feels is much more effective. Says Joel, “I cannot wait to apply it in the future!”

LIFT stands for Loan Initiative for Future Teachers. The program is for exemplary Saline County residents who want to become teachers. It provides up to \$5,000 per year

while the student works toward an initial teaching certificate. The Salina Education Foundation forgives up to \$5,000 of that loan for each year the new teacher is employed by USD 305.

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5. "Education is the best provision for old age." Aristotle.
6. More than 95 percent of our future jobs will require at least a high school education.
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9. Children are our nation's future.
10. Public education is a worthy investment for public funds.

- from the National PTA

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